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Application of:

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Title:

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed November 14, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from February 14, 2004 to May 14, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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